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TRANSMITTAL LETTERIn re Application of:
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For: METAL ION EXCHANGE SOLID MAERIALS :
AS CATALYSTS FOR THE ARYLATION AND THE :
SKELETAL ISOMERIZATION OF FATTY ACIDS :
AND ALKYL ESTERS THEREOF :CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONI hereby certify that the attached correspondence
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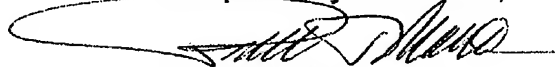
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a responsive document(s) for this application.

☒ TRANSMITTAL LETTER IN DUPLICATE; PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 of:☐ One Month (\$120.00)☐ Two Months (\$ 450.00)☐ Three Months (\$1020.00)☐ Four Months (\$1590.00)

The total fee believed due is \$ 0.00 . Please charge this amount and any other fees, which may be due (including filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17) to Deposit Account No. 01-1350. If an extension of time is required but has not been requested above, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient for the attached document(s) to be timely. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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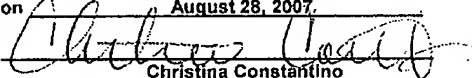
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Entry of the subject amendments prior to the initial examination of the present application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.